

Report to accompany Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116–1) (Ex. Rept. 116–5). **Pages S5576–77**

**McGuire Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S5570**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 20, 2019. **Page S5570**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5570**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, September 19, 2019. **Pages S5581–82**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 289), Robert A. Destro, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. **Pages S5548–52, S5582**

By 54 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 290), Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S5552**

By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 291), Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury. **Pages S5552–53**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S5572–73**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5573**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S5573–77**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5578–79**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S5572**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5581**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5581**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—293) **Pages S5552–53, S5562, S5570**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5582.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### MASS VIOLENCE, EXTREMISM, AND DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine mass violence, extremism, and digital responsibility, after receiving testimony from Monika Bickert, Facebook, Menlo Park, California; Nick Pickles, Twitter, Inc., and Derek Slater, Google LLC, both of San Francisco, California; and George Selim, Anti-Defamation League, Washington, D.C.

### WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving American economic competitiveness through water resources infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Patrick O'Toole, Family Farm Alliance, Savery, Wyoming; Jamey K. Sanders, Choctaw Transportation Company, Inc., Dyersburg, Tennessee, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; and Derek Brockbank, American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, Washington, D.C.

### U.S. POLICY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in the Indo-Pacific region, focusing on Hong Kong, alliances and partnerships, and other issues, after receiving testimony from David Stilwell, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, John Leslie Carwile, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Anthony F. Godfrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Herro Mustafa, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

### U.S.-COLOMBIA RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian

Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine United States-Colombia relations, focusing on new opportunities to reinforce and strengthen the bilateral relationship, after receiving testimony from Kirsten D. Madison, Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and Kevin M. O'Reilly, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, both of the Department of State; John Barsa, Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development; and Christine Balling, Latin American Affairs, and Adrienne Arsht, Latin America Center, both of Washington, D.C.

## TRIBAL ACCESS TO SPECTRUM

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report on tribal access to spectrum, focusing on promoting communications services in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Andrew Von Ah, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Donald K. Stockdale, Jr., Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Belinda Nelson, Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., Chandler, Arizona; and Kimball Sekaquaptewa, Santa Fe Indian School, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 4370–4394; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 63–64; and H. Res. 561–563 were introduced. **Pages H7772–74**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7774–75**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3525, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish uniform processes for medical screening of individuals interdicted between ports of entry, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–211). **Page H7772**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Gottheimer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7757**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7759**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain Major General Steven Schaick, U.S. Air Force Chief of Chaplains, The Pentagon, Arlington, VA. **Page H7759**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:09 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. **Page H7766**

**Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 558, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1423) to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee

on Rules; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 534, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 533.

**Pages H7761–65, H7766–67**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, September 17th.

*Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2019:* H.R. 4285, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 535. **Pages H7767–68**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:39 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7771**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7766, H7766–67, and H7767–68. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OVERSIGHT HEARING: MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN HHS CUSTODY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: Mental Health Needs of